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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: FRELIMO ACTIVITY IN MALAWI

1. SENIOR GOM SECURITY OFFICIAL INFORMED EMBASSY SEPT 26 THAT FRELIMO IS RETAINING OFFICE IN MALAWI FOR PURPOSES OF ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING RECRUITMENT AND CARE OF MOZAMBIQUE REFUGEES. LATTER ARE PROGRESSIVELY BEING URGED RETURN TO MOZAMBIQUE, WITH AIM OF EVENTUALLY ELIMINATING NEED FOR GOM FEEDING ASSISTANCE. RECRUITMENT FROM AMONG MOZAMBIQUANS STILL IN MALAWI IS CONTINUING AT SUBSTANTIAL LEVEL: 201 NEW RECRUITS REPORTEDLY WERE DISPATCHED FROM BLANTYRE TO DAR ON SEPT 25. FORMER HEAD OF FRELIMO'S MALAWI OFFICE, OLIMPIO VAZ, HAS NOT RETURNED TO BLANTYRE SINCE LAST LUSAKA CONFERENCE AND IS BELIEVED TO HAVE TAKEN POSITION IN NEW MOZANBIQUE GOVERNMENT.

2. GOM SECURITY OFFICIAL STATED SITUATION ALONG MALAWI'S BORDERS IS NOW ENTIRELY CALM WITH FRATERNIZATION AMONG FRELIMO,
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PORTUGUESE AND MALAWIANS, INCLUDING CELEBRATION DANCES,

INCREASINGLY REPORTED.

3. COMMENT: GOM LIKELY TO APPROVE RETENTION OF FRELIMO OFFICE
ESPECIALLY AS MEANS OF GETTING RID OF REFUGEES. GOM ALSO PREFERS
THAT FRELIMO TAKE CARE F ITS OWN DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS, I.E.,
DESERTERS OF WHICH WE ARE TOLD THERE ARE SOME NUMBERS. WE
EXPECT RECRUITMENT, HOWEVER, TO DWINDLE AS NUMBER OF MOZAMBI-
QUANS OF MILITARY AGE STILL IN MALAWI IS REDUCED.
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